

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 46 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1 through 38, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 782.

Group II – claims 39 through 46, drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 118.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, without traverse.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants further elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention of Embodiment 1 set forth in claims 1-22, and illustrated in drawing Figs. 1-8.

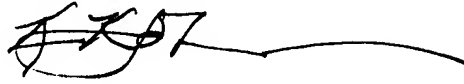
Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on September 16, 2003, and note that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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